

2006 Federal Duck Stamp Contest

Information, Entry Form and Regulations

Dear Artist:

Please read all of the enclosed information very carefully and follow the instructions. If all instructions are not followed, your entry may be disqualified from the contest.

All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight August 15, 2006.



2005 Federal Duck Stamp Contest Winner

Artist: Sherrie Russell Meline

Species: Ross' Goose

Join us October 6–7, 2006 for the Federal Duck Stamp Contest in Memphis, TN.

Revenue from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps is earmarked to buy wetlands and Waterfowl Production Areas for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Join us at a refuge near you to help celebrate more than 100 years of conservation.

Internet Alert: You can now view prior winning art designs and other helpful Federal Duck Stamp information via the Federal Duck Stamp Office's internet home page at <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>

Summary of Key Points **PLEASE READ ALL BOLDED REMARKS**

Opening Date

Persons interested in entering this year's contest may submit entries anytime after **June 1, 2006**.

Deadline Date

All entries must be **postmarked** no later than midnight **August 15, 2006**.

Entry Fee

One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for entries postmarked by midnight August 15, 2005. Entry fee must be a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service." **No personal checks or cash accepted.**

Contest Eligibility

United States citizens, nationals, or resident aliens are eligible to participate. However, all entrants *must be* at least 18 years of age by June 1. Any person who has won the contest during the preceding three years shall be ineligible to submit an entry in the current year's contest. Contest judges and their relatives, and employees of the Duck Stamp Office are also ineligible to submit an entry.

Design Requirements

Image Size of entry seen within the cut out portion of the mat must be 7" x 10" — horizontal design. See illustration on page 5. **For flexibility of handling, please use a 9" x 12" art board of your choosing.**

Entry must be matted over, and affixed, and the mat color must be white, 9" x 12" (outside dimensions) and one inch in width.

Entry cannot exceed approximately 1/4 inch in total thickness. **If it does exceed 1/4 inch, it will be disqualified and your entry fee of \$125 retained by the Federal Duck Stamp Office.**

No protective cover shall be **permanently** affixed to the entry. **You may cover your entry for shipping, but it should be easily removable.**

Note: Entries will be returned after the contest in packaging determined by the Federal Duck Stamp Office. No packaging materials will be returned.

Judges will be instructed to look for scenes that depict **live** birds amid their natural habitat, as long as the eligible species is the **dominant** feature of the design. Also, designs may include, but are not limited to hunting dogs, hunting scenes, use of waterfowl decoys, and National Wildlife Refuges as the background of habitat scenes.

The design must be an original "hand drawn" creation. The design may not be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including photographs, or from images in any format published on the Internet. Photographs, computer generated art, art produced from a computer printer or other computer mechanical output device (air brush method excepted) are ineligible and will be disqualified.

Important Dates

The public may view the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp entries on Monday, September 25 through Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Memphis College of Art (1930 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104).

This year's contest will be held on Friday, October 6 beginning at 6 p.m. and Saturday, October 7 in Memphis, TN, beginning at 9 a.m.

Other Key Points

Use ONLY the current year's Display and Participation Agreement, Reproduction Rights Agreement, and Entry Form. Entries with other year forms will be disqualified.

Next year's contest regulations will be automatically mailed to artists who submit an entry this year.

Names and addresses of any or all artists will be released to the press or any member of the public who requests such information.

Eligible Species

- (1) American Wigeon
- (2) Wood Duck
- (3) Gadwall
- (4) Ring-necked Duck
- (5) Cinnamon Teal

Note: See list of eligible species for upcoming years on page 5.

The Winning Artist Receives:

- (1) publicity and media recognition;
- (2) a pane of Duck Stamps signed by the Secretary of the Interior;
- (3) select travel to prestigious national waterfowl and wildlife ceremonies;
- (4) special recognition as guest speaker at special events; and
- (5) the opportunity to market their winning image and other works as the 2005 Federal Duck Stamp artist. (*Note:* Any publishing contract that may be offered to the winning artist is between the artist and publisher. The Federal Government does not guarantee that a contract will be offered. The Government assumes no liability, responsibility, nor claims any interest in resulting publishing contracts.)

We invite you to participate in this national waterfowl art competition. Join wildlife artists from across the country in the most prestigious art event of the year. Good luck — you could be the next winner of the Federal Duck Stamp Contest!

Contest Regulations (In Revision - Final Available June 1, 2006)

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SUBPART A—INTRODUCTION

§91.1 Purpose of regulations.

(a) The purpose of these regulations is to establish procedures for selecting a design that will be used for the annual Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp).

(b) All individuals entering the contest must comply with these regulations. A copy of the regulations along with the reproduction rights and display and participation agreements may be requested from the Federal Duck Stamp Office, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop MBSP-4070, Arlington, VA 22203-1622.

(c) All contestants from the most recent contest will be sent a copy of the regulations, the display and participation agreement, and the reproduction rights agreement.

§91.2 Definitions.

Contest Coordinator—the contest official responsible for overseeing the judges' scores for each entry. The contest coordinator will be named by the Secretary of the Interior and will not be a past or present employee of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Display and participation agreement—a document that each contestant must complete, sign and submit with the entry. The signed agreement permits the Service to display the entry at various locations for promotional purposes, and requires the artist to participate in events on behalf of the Federal Duck Stamp Program.

Qualifying entry—each original work of art submitted to the contest that satisfies the requirements outlined in Subpart B.

Reproduction rights agreement—a document that each contestant must sign and submit with the entry. The signed agreement certifies that the entry is an original work of art and stipulates how the Fish and Wildlife Service may use the winning entry.

§91.3 Public attendance at contest.

All phases of the voting process will be open for viewing by the general public.

§91.4 Eligible species.

Five or fewer of the species listed below will be identified as eligible each year; those eligible species will be provided to each contestant with the information provided in §91.1.

- (a) *Whistling-Ducks*.
 - (1) Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)
 - (2) Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)
- (b) *Swans*.
 - (1) Trumpeter Swan (*Cygnus buccinator*)
 - (2) Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*)
- (c) *Geese*.
 - (1) Greater White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*)
 - (2) Snow Goose (including bluephase) (*Chen caerulescens*)
 - (3) Ross' Goose (*Chen rossii*)
 - (4) Emperor Goose (*Chen canagica*)
 - (5) Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)
- (d) *Brant*.
 - (1) Brant (*Branta bernicla*)
- (e) *Dabbling Ducks*.
 - (1) Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*)
 - (2) American Widgeon (*Anas americana*)
 - (3) Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)
 - (4) American Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca carolinensis*)
 - (5) Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
 - (6) Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*)
 - (7) American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*)
 - (8) Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*)
 - (9) Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)
 - (10) Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*)
 - (11) Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)
- (f) *Diving Ducks*.
 - (1) Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*)
 - (2) Redhead (*Aythya americana*)
 - (3) Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*)
 - (4) Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*)
 - (5) Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)
- (g) *Sea-Ducks*.
 - (1) Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*)
 - (2) King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*)
 - (3) Spectacled Eider (*Somateria fischeri*)
 - (4) Steller's Eider (*Polysticta stelleri*)
 - (5) Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*)
 - (6) Long-tail (*Clangula hyemalis*)
 - (7) Black Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*)
 - (8) Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*)
 - (9) White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*)

- (10) Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*)
- (11) Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)
- (12) Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*)
- (h) *Mergansers*.
 - (1) Hooded Mergansers (*Lophodytes cucullatus*)
 - (2) Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)
 - (3) Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*)
- (i) *Stiff Tails*.
 - (1) Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

SUBPART B—PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING THE CONTEST

§91.11 Contest deadlines.

- (a) The contest will officially open on June 1 of each year.
- (b) Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight of August 15.

§91.12 Contest eligibility.

United States citizens, nationals, or resident aliens are eligible to participate in the contest. Any person who has won the contest during the preceding three years will be ineligible to submit an entry in the current year's contest. All entrants must be 18 years of age as of June 1 to participate in the Federal Duck Stamp Contest. Contest judges and their relatives are ineligible to submit an entry. All entrants must submit a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 by a cashiers check, certified check, or money order made payable to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (Personal checks will not be accepted). All entrants must submit signed Reproduction Rights and Display and Participation Agreements.

§91.13 Technical requirements for design and submission of entry.

The design must be a horizontal drawing or painting seven (7) inches high and ten (10) inches wide. The entry may be drawn in any medium desired by the contestant and may be in either multicolor or black and white. No scrollwork, lettering, bird band numbers, signatures or initials may appear on the design. Each entry must be matted (over only) with a nine (9) inch by twelve (12) inch white mat, one (1) inch wide, and the entire entry cannot exceed one quarter (1/4) inch in total thickness. Entries must not be framed, under glass, or have a protective covering that is attached to the entry.

§91.14 Restrictions on subject matter of entry.

A live portrayal of any bird(s) of the five or fewer identified eligible species must be the DOMINANT feature of the design. The design may depict more than one of the eligible species. Designs may include, but are not limited to, hunting dogs, hunting scenes, use of waterfowl decoys, National Wildlife Refuges as the background of habitat scenes, and other designs that depict the sporting, conservation, stamp collecting and other uses

of the stamp. The overall mandate will be to select the best design that will make an interesting, useful and attractive duck stamp that will be accepted and prized by hunters, stamp collectors, conservationists, and others. The design must be the contestant's original "hand drawn" creation. The entry design may not be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including photographs, or from images in any format published on the Internet. Photographs, computer-generated art, art produced from a computer printer or other computer/mechanical output device (air brush method excepted) are not eligible to be entered into the contest and will be disqualified. An entry submitted in a prior contest that was not selected for the Federal or a state stamp design may be submitted in the current contest if it meets the above criteria.

§91.15 Suitability of entry for engraving.

All entries should be drawn with fullest attention to clarity of detail and the relationship of tonal values. These prerequisites are important to interpret pictorial elements to hand engraving for printing, as they determine the engraved line techniques and direction. The engraver relies on the accuracy of the artist's work for successful interpretation. The engraver is primarily responsible for line interpretation and discipline, creating the miniature image of bird(s) appearing on the stamp.

§91.16 Submission procedures for entry.

(a) Each contestant may submit only one entry. Each entry must be accompanied by a non-refundable entrance fee and a completed and signed Reproduction Rights Agreement and a completed and signed Display and Participation Agreement. The bottom portion of the Reproduction Rights Agreement must be attached to the back of the entry.

(b) Each entry should be appropriately wrapped to protect the art work and sent by registered mail, certified mail, express mail, overnight delivery service, or hand delivered to: Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop MBSP-4070, Arlington, VA 22203-1622.

§91.17 Property insurance for entries.

Each contestant is responsible for obtaining adequate insurance coverage for his/her entry. The Department of the Interior will not insure the entries it receives. The Department of the Interior is not responsible for loss or damage unless it is caused by its negligence or willful misconduct; in any event, the liability of the Department of the Interior will not exceed the amount of the entry fee as specified in Section 91.12.

§91.18 Failure to comply with contest regulations.

Any entry that does not comply with the requirements of Subpart B will be disqualified from the contest. Entry fees for disqualified entries will not be returned.

SUBPART C—PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTERING THE CONTEST

§91.21 Selection and qualification of contest judges.

(a) *Selection:* Five voting judges and one alternate judge will be selected annually by the Secretary of the Interior. Current employees of the Fish and Wildlife Service and their relatives are ineligible to serve as judges for the contest. The judges will be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses. The judges will be announced on the first day of the contest.

(b) *Qualifications:* The panel of five judges will be made up of individuals, all of whom have one or more of the following prerequisites: recognized art credentials, knowledge of the anatomical makeup and the natural habitat of the eligible waterfowl species, an understanding of the wildlife sporting world in which the Duck Stamp is used, an awareness of philately and the role the Duck Stamp plays in stamp collecting, and demonstrated support for the conservation of waterfowl and wetlands through active involvement in the conservation community.

§91.22 Display of entries for contest.

All eligible entries will be publicly displayed in numerical order. The only visible identification on each entry will be the number assigned to it in chronological order when it is received and processed by the Service.

§91.23 Scoring criteria for contest.

Entries will be judged on the basis of anatomical accuracy, artistic composition and suitability for engraving in the production of a stamp.

§91.24 Contest procedures.

(a) The day before the judging begins, the judges will be briefed on all aspects of the judging procedures and other details of the competition, and will preview all eligible artwork entered.

(b) Prior to the first round of judging, and prior to the opening of the contest to the public, the judges will spend additional time in the auditorium reviewing the entries on the day of the contest.

(c) In the first round of judging all qualified entries will be shown one at a time to the judges by the Contest Coordinator or a contest staff member. The judges will vote "in" or "out" on each entry; those entries receiving a majority of votes "in" will be eligible for the second round of judging. The remaining entries will be placed on display as a group for public viewing.

(d) Prior to the second round of judging, each judge may select not more than five entries from those eliminated in the first round. Those additional entries selected by the judges will be eligible to be judged in the second round.

(e) Prior to the second round of judging, the entries selected by the judges under the procedures of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section will be displayed in numerical order in the front of the auditorium.

(f) The technical advisors from the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Postal Service will do a critical analysis of the entries that will be judged in the second round and advise the judges of any serious anatomical problems and/or any serious design problems for the engraver.

(g) In the second round of judging, each entry selected in the first round, plus the additional entries selected by judges, will be shown one at a time to the judges by the Contest Coordinator or by a contest staff member. The judges will vote by indicating a numerical score from one to five for each entry. The scores will be totaled to provide the entry score. The entries receiving the five highest scores will be advanced to the third round of judging.

(h) In the third round of judging, the judges will vote on the remaining entries using the same method as in round two, except they will indicate a numerical score from 3 to 5 for each entry. The Contest Coordinator will tabulate the final votes and present them to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who will announce the winning entry as well as the entries that placed second and third.

(i) In case of a tie vote for first, second, or third place in the third round, the judges will vote again on the entries that are tied. The judges will vote using the same method as in round three.

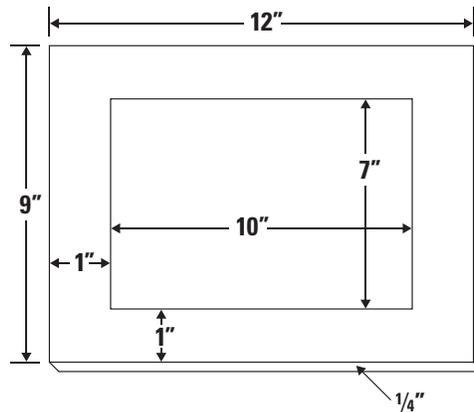
(j) The selection of the winning entry by the judges will be final. Each contestant will be notified of the winning artist and the design. The winning artist will receive a pane of Duck Stamps signed by the Secretary of the Interior at the Federal Duck Stamp Contest the following year. The artists placing first, second, and third will receive a framed commendation from the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

SUBPART D—POST-CONTEST PROCEDURES

§91.31 Return of entries after contest.

All entries will be returned by certified mail to the participating artists within 120 days after the contest unless the artwork is selected to appear at one or more wildlife art expositions. Entries will be returned in packaging determined by the Federal Duck Stamp Office. No specialty boxes or art cases will be returned. If artwork is returned to the Service because it is undelivered or unclaimed (this may happen if an artist changes address), the Service will not be obligated to trace the location of the artist to return the artwork. Any artist who changes his or her address is responsible for notifying the Service of the change. All unclaimed entries will be destroyed one year from the date of the contest.

Duck Stamp Contest Submission Format



Entry must be matted “over” and affixed.

Suggestion: Use 1/8" thick masonite for your entry, then use 1/8" thick mat to place “on top” to form 1/4" total thickness of entry. Also, *for purposes of stability of the entry*, please use 9" × 12" art board with a 9" × 12" mat, not a 7" × 10" art board covered by a 9" × 12" mat.

Eligible Species for Upcoming Federal Duck Stamp Contests

2006

- (1) American Widgeon
- (2) Wood Duck
- (3) Gadwall
- (4) Ring-necked Duck
- (5) Cinnamon Teal

2007: 75th Federal Duck Stamp

- (1) Mallard
- (2) American Green-winged Teal
- (3) Northern Pintail
- (4) Canvasback
- (5) Harlequin Duck

2008

- (1) Brant
- (2) Northern Shoveler
- (3) Ruddy Duck
- (4) Canada Goose
- (5) Long-tailed

2009

The four remaining from 2006; plus the Blue-winged Teal

2010

The four remaining from 2008; plus the Greater White-fronted Goose

2011

The four remaining from 2009; plus the Mallard

2012

The four remaining from 2010, plus the Common Goldeneye

2013

The four remaining from 2011, plus the Canvasback

2014

The four remaining from 2012; plus the Red-breasted Merganser

2015

The four remaining from 2013; plus the Northern Pintail

Display and Participation Agreement

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In recent years, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has sought to promote greater public awareness of the Federal Duck Stamp and its many contributions to wetland and waterfowl conservation. To assist in and facilitate this promotional effort, the FWS has sought out the participation and cooperation of various wildlife-oriented art exhibitions for the purpose of displaying selected entries during the year following the contest. The artist's name and address will be shown next to each entry. No effort will be made to sell any entry. If an artist's entry is selected to be on display, it may mean that the entry will not be returned to the artist within the 120 days after the contest in which all other entries are normally returned. **All artists should consider insuring their entries, as the Federal Government does not insure them.**

Approximately 20 of the highest ranked entries from the Federal Duck Stamp Contest may appear on display at special events including but not limited to: (1) *Waterfowl Festival*, Easton, MD, second weekend of November; (2) *Wildlife West Festival*, Redlands, CA, weekend before Thanksgiving; (3) *Flyway Festival*, San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex San Francisco, CA, late January; (4) *Southeastern Wildlife Expo*, Charleston, SC, mid-February; (5) *Wings Over Water*; *Northwest Birding Festival*, Blaine, WA, late March; (6) *Ducks Unlimited Great Outdoors Festival*; (7) *Louisiana Wildfowl Festival*, New Orleans, LA, second weekend of August; (8) *Nature Works Wildlife Art Show & Sale*, Tulsa, OK, first weekend of March; (9) *Wings 'n Water Festival*, Stone Harbor, NJ, mid-September; (10) *Hutchinson Co. Museum*, Berger, TX, October; and (11) *International Wildlife Museum*, Tucson, AZ, December. For other festivals, check our web site at <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>.

The winning artist must agree to participate in the following events thereby promoting the Federal Duck Stamp Program. Some transportation and lodging will be paid by the organizations indicated.

Waterfowl Festival, Easton, MD — *the second full weekend of November*. The festival will pay for lodging; the Federal Duck Stamp Program will pay for transportation. *Three days*.

The Wildlife West Festival, Redlands, CA — *the weekend before Thanksgiving*. The festival will pay for transportation and lodging. *Three days*.

J.N. "Ding" Darling Birthday Event, J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel, FL — *mid-October*. The J.N. "Ding" Darling Society will pay for transportation. Lodging is at the artist's expense.

First Day Ceremony, Washington, DC — *July 1*. The Federal Duck Stamp Program will pay for transportation and lodging according to current Federal Government per diem rates. *One day*.

Wings 'n Water Festival, Stone Harbor, NJ — *mid September*. Artist will receive lodging. Transportation at artist's expense. *Three days*.

Federal Duck Stamp Contest, date and location to be determined. The Federal Duck Stamp Program will pay for transportation and lodging according to current Federal Government per diem rates. *Three days*.

The winning artist *may be asked to participate in several annual stamp events* at the artist's expense thereby supporting the Federal Duck Stamp Program. *It is required, as a minimum, that the artist spend one peak attendance day at each of these events.*

The winning artist may be asked to make brief remarks at several events while promoting the Federal Duck Stamp Program.

The winning artist will assist in promoting the Federal Duck Stamp Program by providing autographs without charge to the public or the Federal Government.

The United States Government will assume no responsibility for the safekeeping or loss of the entry once accepted by the management of the exhibitions and until returned from the exhibitions to Government custody. **It is strongly suggested that each artist insure his/her art before sending it to the Federal Duck Stamp Office.**

The winning artist will be required to provide the following artwork by the first of February; (a) a line drawing for the postal cancellation for the first day of sale of the Federal Duck Stamp; (b) if the artist decides to have a hometown sales event, another line drawing will be required for the postal cancellation for that event; (c) two remarques to be depicted on the first and third year of the individual Artist's Appreciation Card.

Signature on this agreement is a prerequisite for entering the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp Contest; failure to sign will result in the disqualification of the entry to the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp Contest.

NOTE: All requirements cited above will be subject to negotiation when extenuating circumstances exist for the artist. Although all extenuating circumstances are not listed in this document, some examples of such circumstances are: (1) health of the artist does not permit the artist to travel to some or any of the events identified; (2) the home of the artist is located in an area so remote as to make attendance at the scheduled event impossible; and (3) emergencies prohibit the artist from participating.

Display and Participation Agreement

I agree that my entry in the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp Contest may be displayed at the Fish and Wildlife Service's discretion and for the purpose of promoting public awareness of the Federal Duck Stamp Program and its contributions to waterfowl conservation, under the conditions described

in the Display and Participation Agreement and waive any claims for damage or loss that might otherwise lie against the United States Government during the time my entry is in the custody of the managements of those exhibitions. I understand that if my entry is selected for

Print Name _____

Artist's Signature _____

Failure to sign this form will result in disqualification

Reproduction Rights Agreement

The undersigned Artist, who has prepared and submitted an original design to the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop MBSP-4070, Arlington, VA 22203-1622, as an entry in the annual contest for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp agrees to the following conditions concerning reproduction rights if his/her design is selected for the 2007-2008 stamp:

1. The design, as prepared by the Artist and submitted to the FWS, may be retained by the FWS until an engraving of the 2007-2008 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp has been completed and may be copied and reproduced, and copies and reproductions may be published and distributed by the FWS to others for reproduction, copying and publishing for educational or informational purposes. The stamp design may be made available, without compensation to the Artist, for reproduction for commercial and other purposes pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 718e(c).

2. Ownership of the original design may, at the option of the Artist, be retained by him/her and it may be copyrighted, copied, reproduced, published, or otherwise distributed by the

Artist, but any copyright of the design or any agreement made by the Artist with any other person or company covering the use of the design expressly shall be made subject to the rights of the FWS under paragraph 1 of this Agreement.

3. If the Artist decides to reproduce the original artwork in the form of prints, he/she agrees to provide at no cost twenty-five (25) prints (five framed and remarked for the judges) to the FWS. The remaining prints will be retained by the Director of the FWS and will be used to promote the Federal Duck Stamp Program.

4. If the Artist and/or his/her publisher decide to reproduce the original artwork in the form of printlets, decoys, postcards, and other sales items, he/she agrees to provide at no cost ten of any one of the articles to the FWS. (The FWS shall choose which item.) The items will be used to promote the Federal Duck Stamp Program.

5. If the Artist and/or his/her publisher decide to reproduce the original artwork in the form of posters, he/she agrees to provide the FWS with 200 posters at no cost. The posters will be used to promote the Federal Duck Stamp Program.

Artist Signature _____

Failure to sign this form will result in disqualification

Street Address _____

City, State, and Zip _____

Telephone (Home) _____

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display, it may not be returned to me within the 120 day period stipulated in the regulations. Further, I agree that in the event I am the winning artist in the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp Contest, I will participate in the events as stipulated in the Display and Participation Agreement.

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6. Any and all reproductions of the design made or authorized by the FWS under the terms of this Agreement, except the engraving and printing of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, and reproductions thereof authorized pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 718e(c), specifically shall indicate that the original has been designed by the artist.

7. The Artist affirms that his/her entry is a drawing of his/her own creation, neither copied nor duplicated from previously published art, including paintings, drawings in any medium, or published photographs; or from images of any kind previously published on the Internet.

8. The Artist agrees that minor changes may be made to his/her design by the stamp printer if his/her design is chosen to be the Federal Duck Stamp design for 2007-2008.

9. It is mutually agreed that no Member of or Delegate to Congress shall participate in any part of this contract/agreement or receive any benefit from this agreement (41 U.S.C. Section 22).

10. The artist agrees to provide his/her signature for use on all Federal Duck Stamp products at no cost to the Federal Government.

Date _____

Species _____

(Work) _____

Entry for 2006 Federal Duck Stamp Contest

Attach this part to the back of your entry, and send your entry and the Display and Participation and Reproduction Rights Agreements to:

Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, MBSP-4070, Arlington, VA 22203-1622. Telephone: 703/358 2000; Fax: 703/358 2009; website: <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>

Print or Type

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, and Zip _____

Telephone (Home) _____

(Work) _____

Press Coverage: Name of Hometown Newspaper _____

Newspaper Telephone _____

To be used by FWS only

Entry Number _____

Medium Code _____

Species _____

Medium Used _____

Are You: Male Female

Date of Birth _____

MONTH YEAR

Email Address _____

Enclosed find \$125.00 non-refundable early entry fee postmarked by August 15, 2006 (cashier's check, certified check or money order payable to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Personal checks and cash not accepted). Please enter my design in the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp Contest.

Enclose this part with your contest entry

Cut Here

Attach this part to the back of entry

Helpful Hints for Preparing Your Duck Stamp Art Design

Part 91, Subpart C, Section 91.23

Scoring criteria for contest.

“Entries will be judged on the basis of anatomical accuracy, artistic composition and suitability for engraving in the production of a stamp.”

Use bright, bold, pleasing, warm colors.

Make your species the main focus of your entry.

Make sure the habitat is appropriate for the species and its plumage.

Keep the design simple.

Remember, this is a stamp — look at your finished product through a reduction glass so that you will see what the judges see when they are making a final decision.

Leave room around the outside edges of the design for required stamp language and the denomination.

Finally, remember that the first impression a judge has of your entry is a lasting one.

Good Luck!

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